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In re application of: **Akiko ONO et al.**

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For: **PORTABLE CARD UNIT PROCESSING APPARATUS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 20, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of international application PCT/JP99/03355 filed on June 23, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 7 and 8 as follows:

4. (Amended) The portable-card-unit processing apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a save storage section (30) for holding at least part of information that are stored in the storage section (17a) of the card unit (17),

said control section (20) being operable, when the card unit (17) is attached to said apparatus while the external apparatus (15) is disconnected from said connecting section (14), said first